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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Applicants:** Algirdas A. Underys )  
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**Serial No.:** 08/991,113 )  
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**Filing Date:** December 16, 1997 )  
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**Title:** Heat Treatment Method and )  
 Apparatus )

**Attention:**

**Primary Examiner**  
**Wyszomierski**

Group 1742

The Honorable Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Applicant appeals from the final rejection rendered May 27, 1999.

In a first Advisory Action dated June 28, 1999, the Primary Examiner stated that upon the filing of an appeal, an Amendment filed on or about June 21, 1999, would be entered and that claim 18 would be allowed and claims 4, 15, 16 and 17 rejected.

In a second Advisory Action dated August 13, 1999, the Primary Examiner stated that upon the filing of an appeal, a Supplemental Amendment filed on or about August 10, 1999, would be entered, and that claim 19 would be allowed and claims 4, 15, 16 and 17 rejected.

Hence, this appeal is from the rejection of claims 4, 15, 16 and 17.

Claim 19 is allowed.

Applicant is a small entity.

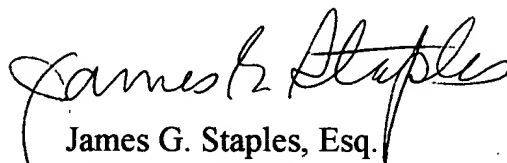
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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